

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 449
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Darry Marshall and the 1997 Munford High School football team on finishing runner-up in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 1, Class 5-A state playoffs.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is very proud of our stellar athletic teams which exhibit tremendous poise, skill and determination, and through their achievements establish themselves in the storied annals of Tennessee sports history; and

WHEREAS, one such team is the 1997 Munford High School football team, which completed their memorable season as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 1, Class 5-A state playoff runner-up; and

WHEREAS, Munford compiled a marvelous 9-1 regular season mark, with their only loss coming by one point. They beat Haywood County 28-12, Memphis Central 28-14, Oakhaven 43-14, Memphis Overton 33-6, Covington 14-6, Ripley 48-14, Jackson Central-Merry 19-17, Millington 31-15, and Bolton 49-16; and

WHEREAS, their regular season path to glory included the coveted Region 7 5-A championship; and

WHEREAS, in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state playoffs, they beat the Houston County High School Fighting Irish 41-13, in first-round action; caged the

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Memphis Bartlett Panthers 20-13, in the second round, and corralled the Germantown Mustangs 42-16 to reach the historic Clinic Bowl championship game; and

WHEREAS, this was the farthest that any Munford football team had ever been in playoff action; and

WHEREAS, the Cougars compiled a superb 13-2 overall record, an excellent .867 winning percentage; and

WHEREAS, their puissant offense scored 427 points, an average of 28. 47 points per game, while the stingy defense gave up only 198 points, a mere 13 points per game average; and

WHEREAS, Coach Darry Marshall has expertly prepared the team for the rigors of championship play and most importantly to accept the challenges of the gridiron and of life; and

WHEREAS, he was fortunate to have a widely respected staff of Assistant Coaches: Dee Alsbrook, Alan Dykens, Roy Meadors, Chris Godwin, Jeff Payne, and Mike Williams; and

WHEREAS, those who contributed immeasurably to the team's success include: seniors, Barry Rivers, a Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 1, Class 5-A Mr. Football Lineman of the Year finalist, Charles Terry, Shun Gooden, Jeremy Carter, Ryan Miller, David Roberts, Dernice Wherry, Josh Jones, Joey Hughes, Cleveland Jones, Mike Brown, David Stumbo, Steve Emert, Elisha Webb, Cori Peete, Mark Edmonson, Chad Mulder, William Brasch, John Shockley, and Joseph Lowe; juniors, Drew Cousar, Alex Covarrubias, Antonio Degraffreed, Cornelius Bounds, Jason Johnson, Chris Leaf, Donte Wherry, Rickey Shelton, Daniel Hill, Nick Woods, Larry Carlota, Jacob Noe, Thurman Treadwell, Travis Boswell, Sid Thomas, John Hicks, Andy Bryant, Adam Ezell, Bill Corcoran, Steven Whitehead, Shane Yates, Silas Hollingsworth, Eddie Walker, and Mike Woods, sophomores, Shaun Ely, Travis Williamson, Jason Hall, William Hayes, Luke Smith, Deacon Churchill, Eric Bibb, John Gelvin, Chris Clarke, Ricki Whitehead, Clay Sponable, Trey Ledford, Logan Wildes, Jonathan Gibson, Cole Kennedy, Al Richmond, and Corey Wiggins; and freshmen, Brian Turnage, Chris Byram,

Lanale Brown, O. J. Rivers, Willie Jones, Aaron Marshall, Nick McAllister, Phillip Ezell, Leroy Jones, Chris Covarrubias, A. D. Walts, Charles Jacques, Matt Griffin, and Shane Blevins; and

WHEREAS, Principal Darryl Walker; Assistant Principals Billy Brooks, Leisa Barnett, Robert W. McMillin, and Adrian Nathaniel, and Athletic Director Steve McCullough, have been very supportive of the team; and

WHEREAS, the inspirational chaplain was Michael Kerns; and

WHEREAS, the efficient team managers were: Kristen Robinson, Tarik Adams, Ashley Fisher, and Lawrence Terry and the popular mascot, Con the Cougar, was Josh Simmons; and

WHEREAS, the enthusiastic cheerleaders, under the able guidance of sponsor Pam Moffatt, were: Shayla Anderson, Krysta Beckwith, Mabel Brewer, David Cline, Ashley Cox, Susan Driver, Stephanie Frazier, Jenny Hayes, Lee King, Amber Marshall, Tiffeny Rush, Tracy Speck, Albert Ticer, Krysta Vaughn, Tiffany Wooding, and Andrea Myers; and

WHEREAS, the team has been bolstered by the tireless efforts of their Touchdown Club, under the able leadership of President Mike Bryant, Vice-President Jim Johnson, Treasurer Kathy Jones, and Secretary Brenda Bryant; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially compliment Coach Darry Marshall and the 1997 Munford High School football team on a season that will live forever in the memories of team participants and in the glorious athletic history of this fine school; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Darry Marshall and the 1997 Munford High School football team on their numerous accomplishments, and further commend them on their runner-up finish in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 1, Class 5-A state playoffs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.